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Cc: Gray, David[gray.david@epa.gov]
From: Russo, Rebecca
Sent: Fri 8/7/2015 8:55:42 PM
Subject: Re: R6 input

Let's chat at 3:30. I'll call you both.

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On Aug 7, 2015, at 2:54 PM, Distefano, Nichole <DiStefano.Nichole@epa.gov> wrote:

I need 30 min. to deal with some other stuff.

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On Aug 7, 2015, at 4:53 PM, Russo, Rebecca <Russo.Rebecca@epa.gov> wrote:

Want to talk now?

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On Aug 7, 2015, at 2:51 PM, Distefano, Nichole <DiStefano.Nichole@epa.gov> wrote:

They want the call. Can the three of us huddle to talk about format and responses to Qs. I don't think R9 needs to be on the call as long as we have their information which is really just related to the tribes and it sounds like the folks we'll be talking to have had a positive read out from the Navajo nation. So maybe just one person from R9 to reaffirm that positive message.

Make sense.

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From: Russo, Rebecca
Sent: Friday, August 07, 2015 4:49 PM
To: Distefano, Nichole; Gray, David
Subject: RE: R6 input

I do think a call might be good since this morning was not us at our best. We were not prepared for that, but we will be prepared for 4pm.

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From: Distefano, Nichole
Sent: Friday, August 07, 2015 2:47 PM
To: Gray, David; Russo, Rebecca
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I am checking again. I still haven't heard from Heinrich.

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From: Gray, David
Sent: Friday, August 07, 2015 4:43 PM
To: Russo, Rebecca
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Nichole was checking to see if it could be a written update.

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On Aug 7, 2015, at 3:42 PM, Russo, Rebecca <Russo.Rebecca@epa.gov> wrote:

David are we all set for 4pm? I sent an internal only calendar invite to rally the correct folks so that we can better answer questions.

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From: Gray, David
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To: Distefano, Nichole
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I have asked for a copy

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On Aug 7, 2015, at 2:47 PM, Distefano, Nichole
<DiStefano.Nichole@epa.gov> wrote:

Thanks David. The only question I could see coming from this is what was included in the general advisory? For example is it just an alert and says be aware that future advisories may be coming, etc?

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DRAFT - Region 6 input

Gold King Mine Spill

Region 6 Response

To ensure pre-impact samples were collected, EPA collected samples in New Mexico on August 6, 2015 (pm). The samples were taken on the Animas River, at the first accessible location south of the Colorado/New Mexico border and at the northern most drinking water intake for the city of Aztec. These samples have a 24 hr turn-around time and results will be available soon. Note: these are background samples.

NMED worked with drinking water system operators in the towns of Aztec and Farmington, NM to collect water samples at their intakes. EPA will also take custody of the samples for laboratory analysis.

The evening of August 6, 2015, Region 6 mobilized 2 START contractors from removal site in Grants, New Mexico, to Farmington, NM to have them on the ground to initiate sampling early morning August 7.

The morning of August 7, 2015, Region 6 deployed a federal On Scene Coordinator from our emergency response team and 4 additional START resources from Dallas to New Mexico. They are expected to arrive in Farmington the afternoon of August 7.

There are a total of 9 drinking water intakes for 5 drinking water systems. We will collect samples at each location. EPA plans to collect

water samples from the southernmost intake in Farmington to the northernmost intake in Aztec. We are analyzing for metals, mercury and taking field pH readings.

EPA is coordinating water sample locations with NMED. Water Quality Division is gathering baseline and historical water quality data to aid decision making.

The drinking water treatment systems are able to store large quantities of water in advance of shutting down and are currently doing so. I have asked for estimates on how long of an outage this would cover at each of the 5 systems.

The State of New Mexico has issued a general advisory to all water users for the Animas River.

As of 10am this morning, the leading edge of the plume was still not in New Mexico. It was 8 linear (not river) miles north.

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